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1. WE AGREE WITH THE JUDGMENT EXPRESSED IN PARAGRAPH 3
REFTEL THAT GOT CONTINUES TO BE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO A
TURKISH-CYPRIOI UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
(UDI). WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT GOT ATTITUDE IS
UNLIKELY TO CHANGE UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. WHILE
WE CAN VISUALIZE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE GOT MIGHT
RECONSIDER ITS POSITION (I.E. THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES
WITH GREECE OR A SERIES OF PARTICULARLY FRUSTRATING
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SETBACKS IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS), EVEN THEN, WE WOULD

EXPECT THE GOT TO SUPPORT UDI WITH RELUCTANCE.

2. WE THEREFORE AGREE THAT THE GOT OPERATES AS AN IMPORTANT RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON DENKTASH'S APPARENT DESIRE TO PROCLAIM UDI. WE DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT "ANY DECISION REGARDING UDI CONTINUES TO REST WITH ANKARA." DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND TIMING OF A TFSC DECISION ON UDI, THE GOT MIGHT WELL FIND ITSELF UNABLE TO RESIST NATIONALISTIC PRESSURES IN SUPPORT OF "A SECOND TURKISH REPUBLIC". (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), THE SECOND LARGEST PARTY IN THE PRESENT COALITION GOVERNMENT, HAS STAKED OUT A POSITION STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF UDI.) THE GOT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INHIBITED IN ITS OPPOSITION TO UDI IF DENKTASH SHOULD PRESENT IT AS A FAIT ACCOMPLI AT A TIME WHEN THE GOT IS INVOLVED IN A CRISIS HIGHLY CHARGED WITH ANTI-GREEK NATIONALISM (SUCH AS THE AEGEAN CRISIS).

3. IT HAS OFTEN BEEN SAID THAT ATHENS CANNOT CONTROL MAKARIOS AND THAT CONVERSELY, DENKTASH IS ALMOST TOTALLY SUBJECT TO ANKARA'S CONTROL. WHILE WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE THE FORMER, IT IS APPARENT THAT DENKTASH'S ABILITY TO RESIST GOT TUTELAGE HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING RECENT MONTHS. WE THEREFORE CANNOT EXPECT THE GOT TO BE ABLE UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES TO HEAD-OFF A DETERMINED TURKISH-CYPRIOIOT DRIVE TOWARD UDI.
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